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SUBJECT:MESSAGE FOR CODEL DIGGS

REF: ISLAMABAD 3688 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE.
2. BEGIN TEXT: DEPARTMENT HAS PASSED YOUR MESSAGE FROM ISLAMABAD TO YOUR OFFICE AS REQUESTED.
3. YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR US ACTIONS HAVE BEEN PASSED TO SECRETARY AS REQUESTED.
4. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW OBSERVATIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT

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TO RECALL THAT US SUPPORT FOR TWO MOVEMENTS WHICH REPRE-

SENT GREAT MAJORITY OF ANGOLAN POPULATION ANTEDATES ENTRY OF SOUTH AFRICANS INTO THE ANGOLAN SCENE, AN ENTRY OF WHICH WE HAD NO FOREKNOWLEDGE AND OF WHICH WE HAVE NEVER APPROVED. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR POSITION THAT ALL REPEAT ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA SHOULD CEASE. WE WERE GRATIFIED TO NOTE THAT AT LEAST HALF OF OAU MEMBERS AT ADDIS ALSO TOOK THAT POSITION.

5. IN THIS REGARD, SECRETARY KISSINGER TOLD WASHINGTON

PRESS CONFERENCE JAN. 14: QUOTE I THINK CONSIDERING

EVENTS IN THIS COUNTRY IN RECENT WEEKS AND DIFFICULTY WE HAVE HAD TO GIVE CLEAR INDICATION OF WHAT UNITED STATES COULD DO, CONSIDERING MASSIVE CUBAN AND SOVIET LOBBYING EFFORT THAT WENT ON AT OAU MEETING, IT IS REMARKABLE THAT HALF OF MEMBERS OF OAU SUBSTANTIALLY AGREED WITH OUR PERCEPTION OF PROBLEM, WHICH IS TO SAY NOT TO RECOGNIZE ANY OF FACTIONS AND TO BRING ABOUT AN END OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION. WE THINK, MOREOVER, THAT VAST MAJORITY OF OAU MEMBERS FAVOR AN END OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION, IF ONE CAN SEPARATE THAT PROBLEM FROM SOME OF LOCAL ISSUES. SO WE THINK THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR MAIN LINES OF OUR POLICY, WHICH IS, AFTER ALL, TO LEAVE AFRICAN PROBLEMS TO AFRICAN NATIONS, AND TO INSULATE AFRICA FROM GREAT POWER CONFRONTATION. WE DO NOT WANT ANYTHING FOR UNITED STATES. WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO MPLA AS AN AFRICAN MOVEMENT. WE ARE OPPOSED TO MASSIVE FOREIGN INTERVENTION BY WHICH VICTORY OF MPLA IS ATTEMPTED TO BE ACHIEVED...

6. QUOTE UNITED STATES FAVORS WITHDRAWAL UNCONDITIONALLY OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES -- SOUTH AFRICA, CUBAN, SOVIET AND WHATEVER OTHER FOREIGN FORCES COULD BE THERE. UNITED STATES IN GENERAL NEGOTIATION MIGHT EVEN, COULD EVEN, SUPPORT PHASED WITHDRAWAL, AS LONG AS INTERVAL WERE SUFFICIENTLY SHORT AND IT IS NOT JUST AN EXCUSE TO PERMIT CUBANS TO TAKE OVER ALL OF ANGOLA, WHICH IS WHAT MILITARY FIGHTING IS NOW COMING DOWN UNCLASSIFIED

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TO IN ANGOLA. BUT THIS REFERS TO DIPLOMATIC POSSIBILITIES; IT DOES NOT REFER TO ANY UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US AND SOUTH AFRICA. UNQUOTE

7. SCHAUFELLE, ON JAN. 9 CBS MORNING NEWS TV INTERVIEW, STATED IN REPLY TO QUESTION: QUOTE CERTAINLY, PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA IS SUBJECT WHICH AROUSES GREAT CONTROVERSY IN AFRICA. WE WERE NOT

CONSULTED ABOUT ENTRANCE SOUTH AFRICA INTO ANGOLA DISPUTE. THE BASIC AND KIND OF CLASSIC QUESTION WHICH ARISES WHEN AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND CHIEFS OF STATE NOW LOOK AT THIS PROBLEM IS WHETHER WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, WHICH IS POLITICAL PLUS IN A SENSE, IS DESIRABLE IN COMPARISON TO THEIR REMAINING ON GROUND AND ACHIEVING CONTINUED EQUILIBRIUM IN ANGOLA, WHICH WILL HELP ALL THREE FACTIONS TO NEGOTIATE THEIR DIFFERENCES. UNQUOTE

8. SCHAUFLE, IN JAN. 13 TELEVISION INTERVIEW ON WTTG'S PANORAMA, RESPONDING TO QUERY SAID: QUOTE CERTAINLY ANY QUESTION THAT INVOLVES SOUTH AFRICA BECOMES DIFFICULT QUESTION. OBVIOUSLY, WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH SOUTH AFRICAN DECISION TO GO IN. IT'S AN EMBARRASSING ONE FOR ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET INTERVENTION. BUT THEY BELIEVE, AS WE BELIEVE, THAT AN ADEQUATE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM WILL RESULT IN DEPARTURE OF ALL THOSE FOREIGN ELEMENTS IN ANGOLA, AND THAT'S WHAT, IN EFFECT, HAS BEEN OUR SOLID POSITION, THAT SOVIETS AND CUBANS AND SOUTH AFRICANS -- EVERYBODY GET OUT. UNQUOTE.

9. ASKED IF IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAT SOVIETS GET OUT, CUBANS GET OUT, THEN SOUTH AFRICANS, SCHAUFLE DECLARED QUOTE WELL, IN EFFECT, SOVIET UNION AND CUBA HAVE INTERNATIONALIZED CONFLICT. AND IT'S BECAUSE OF THEIR INTERVENTION THAT YOU'VE GOT OTHER INTERVENTIONS. AND SO, I THINK THAT THERE IS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE COUNTRIES TO DE-INTERNATIONALIZE CONFLICT, SO WE CAN GET BACK TO AN AFRICAN SOLUTION. AND THIS IS REALLY WHY IT'S BECOME SO DIFFICULT IN ADDIS ABABA, BECAUSE OF THIS OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. UNQUOTE.

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10. ASKED IF SOUTH AFRICA IS GETTING OUT OF ANGOLA, SCHAUFLE SAID QUOTE I DON'T KNOW. THEY DIDN'T DISCUSS IT WITH US. BUT THERE'S OBVIOUSLY DOMESTIC UNHAPPINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION. AND SOUTH AFRICA FINDS THAT THIS PARTICULAR INTERVENTION MAKES IT DIFFICULT IN ITS OTHER RELATIONSHIPS WITH BLACK AFRICA, WHICH ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO IT. UNQUOTE.

11. ON JAN. 15, SECRETARY TOLD OAU REPRESENTATIVES IN DEPARTMENT MEETING THAT U.S. WOULD WELCOME OAU CONCILIATION MISSION OR ANY OTHER MECHANISM OAU SETS UP. IF COUNTRIES WANT TO MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND OTHER TROOPS AND INSIST THAT THERE BE SYMBOLIC PRIOR WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, IF INTERVAL IS NOT SO LARGE AS TO GIVE CUBAN TROOPS UNILATERAL OPPORTUNITY,

U.S. ALSO WOULD SUPPORT THAT, SECRETARY SAID.

12. HE TOLD AFRICAN ENVOYS U.S. UNDERSTANDS THEIR CONCERN ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN ANGOLA. WE HAVE NO INTEREST THERE WHATSOEVER, IN FACT, WE SHALL STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT BY SOUTH AFRICA TO TURN ANGOLA INTO A KIND OF SOUTH AFRICAN PROTECTORATE. HE SAID THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT OUR POLICY THAT WE WILL OPPOSE IT AND THAT WE ARE NOT WORKING WITH SOUTH AFRICANS IN THIS RESPECT. BUT THEY ARE

ONE FACT OF LIFE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WHOSE REMOVAL IS COMPLICATED BY PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS. WITHOUT THAT, THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WHATEVER.

13. DEPARTMENT WILL ENDEAVOR TO KEEP YOU POSTED DURING YOUR TRAVELS ON SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING ANGOLA AND HANDLING OF ANGOLA-RELATED ISSUES IN HOUSE AS SOON AS THEY ARE KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT. SISCO

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